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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AFRICA.

#### *Reports from Cape Colony—Plague at King Williams Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

The following reports on the outbreak of plague at King Williams Town are received from the medical officer of health for the colony, under dates of April 29 and May 6:

A male native living in King Williams Town, who died suddenly on the 22d instant, was, after post-mortem examination, found to have died of plague, and a female native living at the same address, admitted to the Grey Hospital, died of plague on the 27th idem.

During the week ended May 4, 1907, no further case of plague was discovered in man at King Williams Town, but on the 5th instant a European girl, aged 11, residing at King Williams Town, in the neighborhood of the premises on which the previous cases occurred, was found suffering from bubonic plague and removed to the local plague hospital.

At King Williams Town 35 rats, of which 11 were found dead, and 8 mice, of which 2 were found dead, have been examined, and 1 rat found to be plague infected and 10 rats and 2 mice probably plague infected.

#### *Report from Portuguese Guinea—Epidemic of sleeping sickness.*

Official reports, dated April 30, 1907, show that a severe epidemic of sleeping sickness is prevailing in the island of Principe, Portuguese Guinea.

### AUSTRALIA.

#### *Examination of rodents for plague infection at Brisbane and Sydney.*

The following information is taken from plague bulletins received from Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne:

#### QUEENSLAND.

*Brisbane.*—Week ended April 6, 1907. Number of rodents destroyed, 662; examined, 305; found infected, 0.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES.

*Sydney.*—Week ended April 6, 1907. Number of rodents destroyed, 1,731; examined, 625; found infected, 1.